

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

FEB 22 2019

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LORAGECAR FIGARO (01)

CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
By: _____

No. 4:19-mj-183
^{Deputy}

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, C. A. Reed, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

Alleged Offense:

Beginning no later than in or around December 2018 and continuing into and including February 2019, in the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas, **Loragecar Figaro**, along with others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together with each other to commit an offense against the United States, that is, to steal mail matter and to possess stolen mail matter in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1708, and in furtherance thereof and to effect the illegal objects thereof, committed numerous overt acts, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

1. I am a U.S. Postal Inspector employed by the Fort Worth Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS). I am sworn and empowered to investigate criminal activity involving the U.S. Postal Service. I am currently assigned to the Fort Worth Mail Theft/Violent Crimes Team. My duties include investigating theft of U.S. Mail, mail fraud, identity theft, access device fraud and bank fraud. I have been a Postal Inspector for the USPIS since July of 2006. Prior to becoming a Postal Inspector, I was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) from June 1998 until July 2006.
2. It is my belief that on February 21, 2019, **Loragecar Figaro** did conspire with another individual to possess stolen mail matter in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371

(Conspiracy to Possess, Steal, or Receive Stolen Mail Matter In Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1708.)

3. Since this affidavit is submitted only for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint, I have not set forth each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have included what I believe are facts sufficient in establishing probable cause for the complaint sought. The facts in this affidavit are based on, among other things, my review of evidence and discussions with other law enforcement officers.

PROBABLE CAUSE

4. In or about December 2018, the USPIS was notified by a Chase Bank fraud investigator of numerous fraudulent applications for new credit cards. The majority of these cards were mailed to addresses within the 76133 zip code in Ft. Worth, Texas. After these cards were mailed by Chase Bank, they were stolen from the mail and used at multiple merchants to make fraudulent transactions totaling approximately \$374,000.00. Upon further investigation, it was determined these cards were mailed to addresses on the same postal route. Through the help of the USPS Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG), the carrier assigned to that route was identified.

5. The carrier explained he met an individual he only knew as "Figero" who asked him to intercept credit cards from the mail for him. The carrier agreed and began stealing these credit cards as he delivered his route. The carrier then met with "Figero" and gave him the credit cards.

6. On or about February 20, 2019, the carrier called USPS OIG Special Agent D. Vasquez to notify him that he was contacted by "Figero" who advised approximately nine credit cards were scheduled to be delivered the following day.

On February 21, 2019, USPS OIG Special Agents listened to a phone conversation between the carrier and "Figero" and heard the carrier tell "Figero" he had three credit cards to give him. "Figero" mentioned he was expecting a total of nine cards and the carrier indicated to him they would probably be in the mail the following day or two. "Figero" asked the carrier to meet him later the same day so he could get the credit cards from him. "Figero" also told the carrier he had "something for him." The carrier agreed to meet him at a location in South Arlington, Texas.

7. On February 21, 2019, at approximately 6:00 PM, Postal Inspectors and USPS OIG Special Agents staged at the Race Trac located at 4201 S. Bowen Rd., Arlington, Texas and waited for the two parties to meet. Shortly after staging, Affiant and other investigators, witnessed a subject who was later identified as Loragecar Figaro exit the front passenger side of a black Dodge Charger, walk across the parking lot and get into the front passenger seat of the vehicle being driven by the carrier. After a brief amount of time, Figaro exited the carrier's vehicle and returned to the black Charger. Postal Inspectors and USPS OIG Special Agents then stopped the vehicle in which Figaro was riding before it could leave the parking lot. Figaro and the driver were ordered out of the vehicle. Postal Inspector B. Stallings observed three pieces of mail protruding from the right front pocket of Figaro's pants. Inspector Stallings confirmed these pieces of mail

were the three credit cards the carrier gave to Figaro.

Affiant then learned Figaro gave the carrier \$200 for the three credit cards. Figaro was then placed under arrest. The driver was then identified as Roderick Deshun Turknett. Turknett was also arrested for outstanding warrants by Arlington Police Officers.

8. USPS OIG Special Agent D. Vasquez noticed a Chase credit card in plain view, sitting on the center console of the black Charger. This credit card did not belong to either of the two occupants of the vehicle. USPS OIG Special Agent T. Naumann then found another Chase credit card, not belonging to either occupant, under the driver's seat. In addition to these credit cards, seven cell phones were located in the immediate area of the two occupants.

9. Figaro and Turknett were then transported to the Arlington, Texas South Precinct. USPS OIG Special Agent Vasquez and Postal Inspector M. Dayhuff interviewed Turknett after he waived his Miranda Rights. Turknett admitted to purchasing laptop computers on multiple occasions at area Best Buy stores for Figaro. Turknett said Figaro provided him with fraudulent credit cards to make these purchases. Turknett also said Figaro gave him a gift card and asked him to purchase a money order a Kroger in Duncanville, Texas. Turknett also explained Figaro emptied his pockets before getting into the carrier's vehicle and placed the items on the center console of the black Charger. Among the items Figaro placed on the console were two Chase credit cards and four cell phones.

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10. Based on the foregoing, it is my belief that **Loragecar Figaro** did conspire with another individual to possess stolen mail matter in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy to Possess, Steal, or Receive Stolen Mail Matter in Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1708.)

C. A. Reed

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Postal Inspector
United States Postal Inspection Service

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22nd day of February, 2019 at 1:33 am/~~pm~~ in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jeffrey L. Cureton

JEFFREY L. CURETON
United States Magistrate Judge